(b) whether Pak-authorities have ordered the militants to vacate and leave these camps and to get mixed with the people in the villages around;

(c) whether any change in the strategy of the terrorists active in Jammu and Kashmir and other areas has been noticed, thereafter; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Government have furnished to the United States, on all appropriate occasions including during the meetings of the India-US Joint Working Group on Counterterrorism, details on terrorist training camps and bases in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir and Pakistan.

(b) to (d) Pakistani authorities are obliged, including under UNSC Resolution 1373 on terrorism to refrain from providing any form of support, active or passive, and to deny safe havens to entities or persons involved in terrorism. However, it is well known that with the active connivance of Pakistani authorities, terrorist groups have been able to continue operating from Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir.

The attack against the Jammu and Kashmir State Assembly on 1st October by the Jaish-e-Muhammad, and the attack against thed Awantipura Airforce Station the same month, once again underscored that there has been no left up in Pakistan's sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India.

Indo-Pak dialogue

505. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any summit level talk is going to be held in near future between India and Pakistan for resolving the Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) The State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union. A part of the territory of the State is under the forcible and illegal occupation of Pakistan. Under the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration, which are the cornerstones of India-Pakistan relations, both countries are committed to resolving all issues peacefully through direct bilateral approaches.

Government have on several occasions reiterated India's commitment to establishing good neighbourly ties with Pakistan, and for this purpose to resume the Composite Dialogue that seeks to build trust and confidence, establish a stable structure of cooperation and address outstanding issues. Government are of the view that narrow, segmented or unifocal approaches to India-Pakistan relations will not contribute to the establishment of good neighbourly ties with Pakistan. Pakistan must end its sponsorship of cross border terrorism in India, so that a conducive environment for the resumption of dialogue can be created.

Indians killed in New York and Washington attacks

506.SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
DR. MANMOHAN SINGH:
DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:
SHRI AHMED PATEL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians and NRIs killed and seriously injured in New York and Washington due to WTC and Pentagon strikes in USA by terrorists indicating their names and profession;

(b) the number of Indians still missing and the steps being taken to locate them;

(c) whether the USA Government is providing necessary compensation/ financial help to the families of the Indians so killed and injured; and

(d) whether Government are also providing similar help to them in USA, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) There has been no report of any loss of life or serious injury to any Indian (NRI/PIO) in Washington. As per reports filed with the New York City authorities, 107 persons of Indian origin are missing and presumed dead as a result of the attacks on World Trade Centre, New York on 11th Sept., 2001. No list of Indians killed in the attacks is available since most of them are classified as missing. Most of these persons worked as professionals in the corporate sector and financial companies. 77 persons of Indian origin were admitted in local hospitals and released after being treated for injuries.